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In re Application of:

William J. Rea, MD, et al

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July 30, 1997

Examiner: Schwardon, R., Ph.D.

For:

AUTOGENOUS LYMPHATIC FACTOR FOR

MODIFICATION OF T AND B LYMPHOCYTE PARAMETERS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Box Reg No Fee Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

TECH CENTER 1600/2900 In response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2001, submitted herewith is the "Supplemental Declaration of Vernon E. Scholes, Ph.D." The only differences in this Supplemental Declaration from the original declaration previously filed are the following:

- The title has been changed to include the word "Supplemental." a.
- Under the subheading "Expert Qualifications," the following statement has b. been added: A true and correct list of my "Publications, Presentations, and Abstracts," and "Special Symposia and Consultantships" and list of the M.S. Theses, Ph.D. Dissertations, and Post-Doctoral Works that I have directed is attached hereto as Exhibit B."
- c. The last paragraph has been changed from "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct" to the following statement:

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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The Office Action indicated that the Examiner would consider the Scholes declaration upon receipt of a list of Scholes' publications. Such consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants continue to traverse the rejections of the claims made in the Office Action dated October 30, 2001, including the rejection of claims 65 and 66 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and the rejection of claims 49-66 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). In response, Applicants refer to the arguments made of record in Applicants' "Response to Office Action" dated March 29, 2001 and in Applicants' "Preliminary Amendment" dated September 11, 2000. Furthermore, the supplemental Scholes' declaration submitted herewith addresses the Examiner's statements in the previous Office Actions, including, for example, by addressing the meaning of the word "normal" as used in the specification and claims, the meaning of the word "propagation" as used in the specification and claims, and the meaning of "the incubation of the syringe and contents for 20 min. at 37°C" as used in Warren et al. The terms used in the specification and claims are clear to a person of ordinary skill in the art, and the invention as claimed is not disclosed or suggested by the hypothetical combination of Youdim et al. in view of Warren et al. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is requested.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can normally be reached at the number below.

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